



The Safari Scoop



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The Missionary Adventure

Dear Prayer Partners,

The Bible says, "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard" (Proverbs 21:13). Living in Kenya means that we see poverty each and every day. Real poverty is hard, and most of the time ugly. We cannot overlook poverty - it is there staring us right in the face each and every day so we have to make the decision to do what we can.

I have been a little bit overwhelmed in the past two months but the needs in Kenya. At our two MANNA feeding centers and schools, we ask God to add 30 new children each January, but we have a waiting list of over 400 children at each school. These 800 children live in poverty. Most share a one-room house with its dirt floors, dirt walls, and palm branches for a roof with their family. Most have one set of clothes that are torn and worn. Most have no toys or games. Most go to bed each night hungry not only for food but for JOY. We have come to know that poverty has a face and it is usually the face of a child.

We also cannot overlook what happens when we reach these children with the Gospel (love of God), food and education. Out of nowhere we see a hopeless little boy or girl transform into a KID. They start to smile, and play. In August we had a fun day at one of our schools. The children were playing with a visiting team. I decided to go out and play Frisbee with a few boys. I probably was playing for fifteen minutes - not a huge amount of time in my life. When the day was done and we were leaving, one of those boys came to me and

Praise Reports

- ❖ Donation for New Life Academy 4 classroom building
- ❖ Good News Academy 3 classroom building complete

Prayer Requests

- ❖ 30 New sponsors for the new class at Good News Academy
- ❖ Safety as we travel around the US raising funds for our special projects

Making a Difference

God is so amazing and has made such an impact in the lives of these children. Just look at the difference.

Hannah



Before

After

Mohammed



Before

After

said, "Thank you pastor, you have made me very happy today." I saw God working through playing Frisbee to reach out in love to a little Muslim boy who needs to know about Jesus.

PLEASE pray with us about our children. We need to find 30 sponsors at \$20 a month so that we can add 30 new three year olds to our program at Gospel Feeding Center. We are seeking 30 people who will donate \$240 per year to help a child. This donation can be made as a one-time gift or sent as \$20 monthly. Either way, God will take that money and change the life of a child. Maybe God will lay on your heart the need to help. You can send a check made out to BBFI at the address below - make sure to write "Gospel" in the memo line.

Some exciting news . . . The New Life Academy has received a donation from a church in Wisconsin and will be starting construction on a new four classroom building that will enable us to enlarge that school all the way to fourth grade. Good News Academy just finished their new building and now has room to expand to fifth grade. We are closing on a piece of land to construct our MANNA Christian high school. Remember our aim is to change these communities by reaching the families through their children. God has blessed and we are well on our way to being able to keep these children in a Christian education program from kindergarten to high school. God only knows what an impact these children will have on their community and country in the future.

Thank you for your financial and prayer support. God using you is the key to His work being accomplished in Kenya. Please pray and seek guidance about assisting us.

God bless,
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Thank You! July & August 2009 Prayers

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